

206. *Hylocichla fuscescens*. WILSON'S THRUSH.—Transient migrant. One heard July 8, 1903, in deep woods and ravine near Greenville, New Castle County (S. N. R.).

207. *Hylocichla aliciae*. GRAY-CHEEKED THRUSH.—Transient migrant. One from near Wilmington in Bush collection taken Sept., 1877.

208. *Hylocichla ustulata swainsonii*. OLIVE-BACKED THRUSH.—Transient migrant. Bush collection, May, 1878.

209. *Hylocichla guttata pallasii*. HERMIT THRUSH.—Transient migrant.

210. *Merula migratoria*. ROBIN.—Resident.

211. *Sialia sialis*. BLUE BIRD.—Resident.

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## GENERAL NOTES.

**Kumlien's Gull: An Addition to the Massachusetts List.**—It has long been supposed that *Larus kumlieni* would prove to be an occasional visitor to the Massachusetts coast. I am glad to be able to report the taking of a specimen by myself at Moon Island in Boston Harbor on February 22 of this year. I first saw the bird February 19, in a large flock of Herring Gulls hovering over and feeding in the sewage discharges into the Harbor at that point. It was identified without much difficulty when flying, by the faint markings of the wings, which at first sight appeared to be immaculate, and the size, slightly less than that of *L. argentatus*. The bird was taken three days later at the same place and is now in the collection of Mr. William Brewster. It is a male in adult plumage with a few very small and indistinct dark spots in the white. The slate-gray markings of the primaries are somewhat darker than in most of Mr. Brewster's other specimens. The establishment of the occurrence of Kumlien's Gull in Massachusetts is especially interesting because its presence here is probably in a sense normal rather than accidental, being simply a southward extension of its usual winter range in a season of unusual severity.—FRANCIS H. ALLEN, *Boston, Mass.*

**Leach's Petrel (*Oceanodroma leucorhoa*) on the Long Island Shore.**—On October 21, 1904, while walking along the Sound beach off Mt. Sinai Harbor, about six o'clock P. M., I observed a long-winged bird flying low over the waves, a short distance from shore. I shot the bird, which proved to be a male Leach's Petrel. Early next morning, two miles further west on the same beach, I secured a second specimen, which was found to be a young female. Both birds were flying westward when shot. These are

the only cases I know of in which Leach's Petrels have been found so near land. One of the skins is now in my possession; the other is in the collection of Mr. Arthur Helme of Millers Place, L. I. — ROBERT C. MURPHY, *Mt. Sinai, Long Island, N. Y.*

Two Additional Records of the European Widgeon (*Mareca penelope*).—In the 'Wilson Bulletin,' Vol. XI, No. 4, p. 112, under the title 'Notes from Sandusky, Ohio,' Mr. E. L. Moseley writes, without data: "Two specimens of the Widgeon (*Mareca penelope*) were mounted by John Herb this spring."

Through the kindness of Mr. Moseley I am enabled to state that one specimen, a male, was shot by Mr. Edward Hinde on April 18, 1904, some five miles east of Sandusky on the West Huron marsh, which forms an extension of Sandusky Bay. This bird is now in possession of Mr. William Hanson.

The other specimen, also a male, was brought to Mr. Herb, taxidermist, on April 20, 1904, having been shot on Sandusky Bay about two days previous by Mr. Henry Hartung in whose possession it now is. These records make the twentieth for the interior.—RUTHVEN DEANE, *Chicago, Ill.*

An Unusual Migration of Ducks in Ontario.—In February 1899, an unusual inland flight of ducks was noticed in various parts of southern Ontario. Mr. John Boyd has lately placed at my disposal letters relating to this flight, received by him in response to a letter on the subject published in the Toronto 'Globe' of March 10, 1899. These letters, in addition to the notes I already had, are sufficient to show how important and wide-spread the movement was.

During the second week of February ducks were picked up in various parts of Toronto, on the streets, in the freight yards, in open fields in the suburbs, and on the roads leading into the city; they were found principally by the drivers of delivery wagons, and so exhausted were the birds, that in no case did they survive more than a day or two, in confinement.

The species were principally Cowheens (*Harelda hyemalis*), with a few Golden-eyes (*Clangula clangula americana*) and American Mergansers (*Merganser americana*); the species being in about the same proportion as is usual on Lake Ontario in winter. Though a few Bluebills (*Aythya marila*) winter about Toronto none were noticed in the flight and it is possible that they were too weak to attempt it.

I heard of about thirty ducks being found about Toronto, though the number actually taken must have been greater. A Grebe (probably *Colmybus auritus*), was picked up alive a few miles west of Toronto, and this bird survived three days.

At Grimsby, on the south shore of Lake Ontario, about twenty-seven miles west of Niagara Falls, Ont., Mr. Edward Farewell picked up about a dozen dead ducks on the lake shore; of these two were Mergansers, and